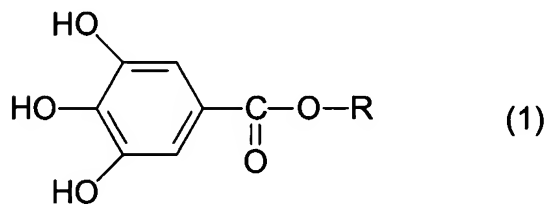


IN THE CLAIMS:**1. (Cancelled)**

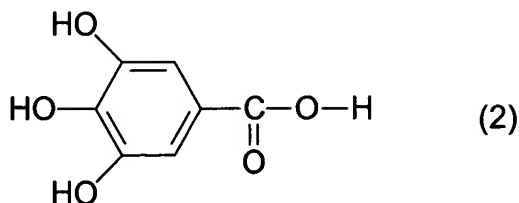
2. (Currently Amended) A heated asphalt composition that is formed by blending the an additive according to Claim 1 with asphalt, said asphalt heated to a temperature of from 100 to 300 °C, said additive comprising either one or both of (I) or (II) below:

(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented by formula (3) below:

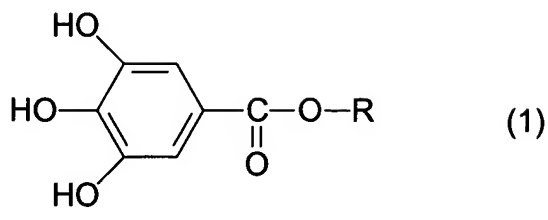


wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 2 ~~comprising the additive according to Claim 1 and asphalt heated at 100 to 300 °C,~~ wherein the additive is ~~contained by~~ present in an amount of from 0.005 to 3% by weight relative to the asphalt.

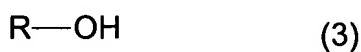
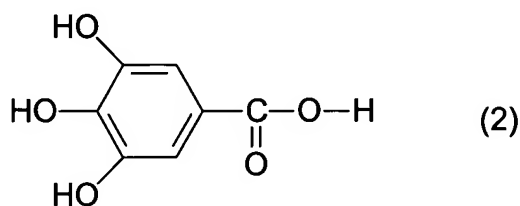
4. **(Currently Amended)** A method of manufacturing an asphalt composition which is resistant to peeling, comprising combining an ~~the~~ additive ~~according to Claim 1~~ with asphalt in the absence of water, said additive comprising either one or both of (I) or (II) below:

(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented by formula (3) below:

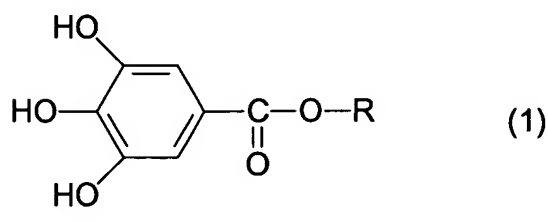


wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A method of manufacturing an asphalt composition which is resistant to peeling, comprising combining ~~the an~~ additive ~~according to Claim 1~~ with asphalt, said asphalt heated to a temperature of from 100 to 300°C, said additive

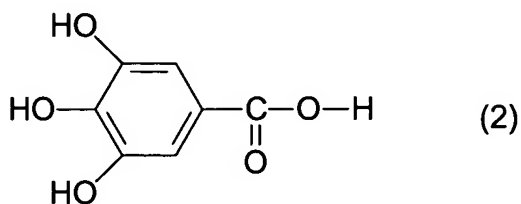
present in an amount of 0.005 to 3% by weight of the asphalt, said additive comprising either one or both of (I) or (II) below:

(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented by formula (3) below:

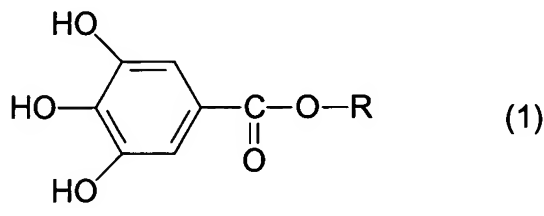


wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A method of manufacturing ~~an a-heated~~ asphalt composition according to Claim 4, comprising adding the additive ~~according to Claim 1~~ to an asphalt which is heated to a temperature of from 100 to 300 °C in an amount of 0.005 to 3% by weight based on the weight of the asphalt.

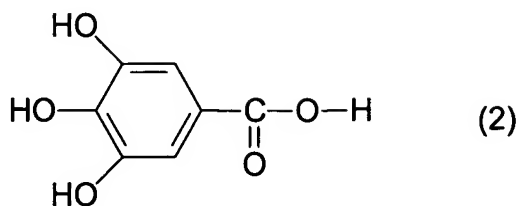
7. **(Currently Amended)** A heated asphalt composition comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of component (I) represented by formula (1) ~~according to Claim 1~~ and component (II) represented by formulas (2) and (3) ~~according to Claim 1~~, and heated asphalt, wherein (I) and (II) are defined as follows:

(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented by formula (3) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

8-9. (Cancelled)

10. **(Previously Presented)** The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 2, wherein said composition is substantially water-free.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 10, wherein said composition contains 0.2 wt.% or less of water.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to Claim 5, wherein said composition contains substantially no water.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to Claim 12, wherein said composition contains 0.2 wt.% or less of water.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~method~~ heated asphalt composition according to Claim ~~[[6]]~~ 7, wherein said composition contains substantially no water.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~method~~ heated asphalt composition according to Claim 14, wherein said composition contains 0.2 wt.% or less of water.

16-19. **(Cancelled)**

20. **(Currently Amended)** The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 2, wherein said additive comprises component (I) ~~comprised of components (I) and (II)~~.

21. **(Currently Amended)** The heated asphalt composition ~~method~~ according to Claim 2 ~~[[4]]~~, wherein said additive comprises component (II) ~~(I)~~.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The method of manufacturing according to Claim 4, wherein said additive comprises component (I) ~~(II)~~.

23. **(New)** The method of manufacturing according to Claim 4, wherein said additive comprises component (II).

24. **(New)** The method of manufacturing according to Claim 5, wherein said additive comprises component (I).

25. **(New)** The method of manufacturing according to Claim 5, wherein said additive comprises component (II).

26. **(New)** The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 7, wherein said additive comprises component (I).

27. **(New)** The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 7, wherein said additive comprises component (II).